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PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1743**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Brian S. HILTON

Group Art Unit: 1743

Application No.: 10/064,980

Examiner: B. GORDON

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Docket No.: 112213

For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR MICROELECTROMECHANICAL SYSTEM
BASED FLUID EJECTION

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the December 5, 2005 Office Action, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are pending.

I. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§102(e) and 103(a)

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 5-13 and 17-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,644,767 to Silverbrook; and rejects claims 2-4 and 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Hawkins in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0027342 to Sheridan et al. (Sheridan). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

Regarding the rejection under §103(a), the Office Action indicates that claims 2-4 and 14-16 are rejected over Hawkins as applied to claims 1, 5-8, 10-13 and 17-20 above. See